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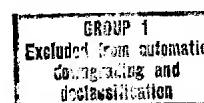
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, OSA

25X1   SUBJECT   :

25X1   Quoted below is a paragraph from a report on
25X1   Training at Stead AFB by Brigadier General S. L. A.
Marshall. Although written in 1955, a decade later this indecisive-
ness in providing proper leadership to combat personnel remains
the primary weakness in this type of training. It is because of
this vacuum that the Intelligence Division initiated the proposed
replacement for Operational Policy Letter Number Six. It is felt
25X1   that this background information may be of value to
in reviewing our proposed policy.

            As previously stated, the school was initiated to
serve SAC crews, and SAC remains its main customer.
Since the school aims at realism in its instruction method,
one of the critical pinches at the present time is the
inability to tell SAC crews anything about what they would
be permitted to say beyond name, rank, and serial number,
in the event of capture. According to the faculty, SAC
crews invariably seek more information on this point, and
the fact that it cannot be given them is a cause of stress
and complaint among the crews. The school's hands are
tied in this matter, as, presumably, are the hands of
higher authority, because of existing law and the unwilling-
ness of authority at various levels to intrude on such delicate
ground. This vacuum in instruction, nonetheless, reflects
an indecisiveness in the most critical area which, if long
protracted, will make nugatory much of the other effort at
Stead Air Force Base. SAC crews are sufficiently aware of

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the fact that, if a major war should come, they will probably be the first to brace the main danger. But when they receive no answer to an important question, it must seem to them a signal lack of foresightedness in national preparation.

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